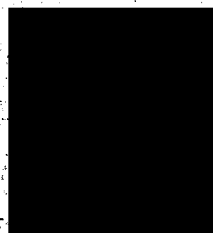


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The Honorable Robert S. McNamara
The Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bob:

In reviewing the Powers-Fryor-Abel exchange, which I followed most closely, I do not believe it could have been accomplished without the immediate and effective cooperation afforded by the Department of Defense. In particular, the transportation arrangements provided for Mr. James B. Donovan and Rudolf L. Abel to Berlin and the subsequent return of Powers to the United States were extraordinarily efficient and secure. Personnel at all points performed most effectively and contributed greatly to the successful outcome of this event.

I wish to express my deep appreciation to all concerned with this matter.

Sincerely,

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

John A. McCone
Director

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